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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.312

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated April 25, 1997, please further amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 32, as amended by the Examiner's Amendment dated April 25, 1997, as follows:

32. (Twice Amended) A twin-wire former for the production of a paper web from a fiber suspension, the twin wire former comprising:

first and second web forming wire belts, means for directing the wire belts to travel along a path together for forming a twin wire zone of the twin wire former, with the web between the wire belts as the wire belts travel along the path through the twin wire zone, neither wire belt defining a single wire predrainage zone;

each wire belt forming an endless loop;

the twin wire zone having a first section which includes a single first drainage element at the start of the path through the twin wire zone, means for supporting the belts for forming a wedge shaped entrance slot into the first section, a fiber suspension supplying headbox having an outlet placed and directed for delivering fiber suspension from the headbox to the wedge